

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



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Common name

Alpine hovea

Family

Fabaceae

Where found

Woodland, heath, and grassy slopes, at high altitudes. Mostly ACT, the mountains to the west, and Kosciuszko National Park. Rare elsewhere.

Notes

Spreading shrub to 0.5 m tall and to 1.5m in diameter. Young stems tough and **wiry**, rusty hairy, becoming hairless. Leaves **alternating** along the stems, 0.5-3.2 cm long, 2-11 mm wide, arched up from the **midrib**, tips blunt, margins curved down, upper

surface smooth and hairless, often glossy, lower surface densely hairy. Flowers pink, mauve, purple to violet, or white, pea shaped, with 5 **petals**, 2 joined together to form the **keel**. Flowers about 10 mm long, single or in pairs up the stems. Flowers Spring to Summer. Pods densely rusty-hairy.

All native plants on unleased land in the ACT are protected.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lv=sp&name=Hovea~montana> (accessed 19 January, 2021)

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